

Thomas Bills – Eastham Land Records 1650-1745

Thomas Bills was an early resident of Eastham. He married Anna Twining in 1672 in Eastham. They had two children before Anna died in 1675. Thomas then married Joanna Twining in 1676. She probably was the sister of Anna. Thomas and Joanna had six children all born in Eastham. About 1690 the Bills family moved to the Bass River area of Yarmouth. No other Bills received Eastham land grants

1675

Granted to Thomas Bills a little piece of land adjoining land which he previously purchased from Josiah Cooke. PDF P33.

1678

Granted to Thomas Bills about eight acres on the northerly side of the great pond and next to land which he previously purchased from Josiah Cooke. Bounds were indicated by marked trees. PDF A141, M270, S49.

This record refers to land of Thomas Bills on the farther side of the great pond next to land Joseph Snow and near land of John Mayo. PDF P40.

1679

The Town appointed Lieut. Sparrow, Daniel Doane and Steven Snow to view Bills' land for possible exchange for other land and to settle a boundary mark with Benjamin Higgins. PDF P42.

Granted to Thomas Bills at Pochet where he dwelled about five acres near the pond in exchange for some of his other land. Bounds were indicated by rocks marked T and marked trees. This exchange apparently gave Bills more convenient access to the pond. PDF A141, M270, S49.

1682

Granted to Thomas Bills, Daniel Doane, Nathaniel Mayo, Samuel Mayo and Thomas Mayo the great dry swamp at Pochet on the northerly side of the highway to Captain Sparrow's provided they clear and kill the brush within six years. PDF P45.

The Eastham land owned by Thomas Bills described in these records amounts to about twenty acres. There are no other records of the Bills family receiving Eastham land grants.